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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ACTING ASST. SECTY. HARROP

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SUBJECT: MILITARY SUPPLY TO CHAD

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1. AS IMPLIED BY REF B, WE HAVE HAD BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION WHICH WOULD MAKE CHAD ELIGIBLE FOR FMS SALES AND/OR THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS. STRONG OPPOSITION TO OUR POLICY IS BEGINNING TO EMERGE AND WE CANNOT NOW PREDICT WHEN THE PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION MIGHT BE FORTHCOMING.

2. IN THESE DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES WE MUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO RAISE CHADIAN EXPECTATIONS EVEN FURTHER. TAKING LT.COL. IRVING WITH YOU TOMORROW ON YOUR CALL ON THE VICE PRESIDENT MIGHT HAVE THAT EFFECT. FURTHERMORE, IT WOULD

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BE MISLEADING AND UNFAIR TO BOTH THE CHADIANS AND THIRD COUNTRIES TO PREPARE LISTS OF US ORIGIN EQUIPMENT FOR POSSIBLE TRANSFER WHEN AUTHORIZATION TO DO SO HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE PRESIDENT.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THE GREAT PRESSURE YOU MUST BE UNDER FROM CHADIANS TO BEGIN DELIVERING ON THE ASSURANCES THEY

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RECEIVED WHEN VICE PRESIDENT N'DJIME WAS IN WASHINGTON.
WE ARE TRYING OUR BEST TO CLEAR THE WAY TO DELIVER ON

THOSE COMMITMENTS, BUT, UNTIL WE SUCCEED, YOU SHOULD
AVOID ANY ACTION WHICH COULD LEAD TO GREATER CHADIAN
DISILLUSIONMENT AND DISAPPOINTMENT SHOULD OUR PRESENT
POLICY DIRECTION NOT HOLD.

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